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Post-Mortem on NIE 30-2-57:

Near East Developments Affecting US Interests,

dated 8 October 1957

I. Findings

1. In general, intelligence was available of sufficient quality and with sufficient coverage to permit an informed estimate. We would, however, have benefited from more detailed and precise information on several subjects, all of which will almost certainly remain matters of active intelligence concern. It is recognized that under existing circumstances, and in view of the extent, complexity and instability of the subject, some of this intelligence has been and will continue to be very difficult to obtain.

2. With respect to Syria, further information on the policies of the new regime and on the political orientation and interrelationships of its members, as well as details on projected Soviet aid would have been particularly useful.

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3. Additional confirmatory reporting [REDACTED] and particularly on Syrian and Egyptian army and air force strengths and materiel would have been helpful.

4. Information on the policies and orientation of the Ali Jawdat government in Iraq and on the degree of radical nationalist opposition to the present regime was inadequate.

II. Action

The IAC agencies are requested to take such action as they deem appropriate for dealing with these problems.

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